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SUBJECT: ITU - CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY

1. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED BY RPOA'S AND SIO'S WHICH ARE AFFILIATED WITH CCITT WHETHER SUCH RPOA'S AND SIO'S MAY REGISTER IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AT FORTHCOMING CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALSO ON ACCREDITED US DELEGATION.

2. RECORD OF VTH CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY (1972) SUGGESTS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR RPOA'S TO REGISTER IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. FOR EXAMPLE, RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH IS AN RPOA, HAD REPRESENTATIVE ON DELEGATION AND ALSO REGISTERED TWO INDIVIDUALS AT PLENARY ASSEMBLY. AERONAUTICAL RADIO, ANOTHER RPOA, WAS NOT ON PLENARY DELEGATION AND REGISTERED IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

3. RECORD OF VTH PLENARY INDICATES NO SIO'S REGISTERED, THEREBY SUGGESTING SIO PARTICIPATION (UNLESS ON UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATION) IS NOT PERMITTED. EXPERIENCE AT XIITH CCIR PLENARY ASSEMBLY (NEW DELHI, 1970) CORROBORATES VIEW THAT

SIO'S MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY ASSEMBLIES OF THE CCI'S, SINCE AT THAT MEETING A GENERAL ELECTRIC REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAME TO NEW DELHI HAD TO BE ACCREDITED AS A MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE PLENARY SESSIONS.

4. THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION, WHICH ARE UNCHANGED FROM THE MONTREUX TEXT, APPEAR TO BE NOS. 73 AND 74 WHICH ESTABLISH THAT ADMINISTRATIONS AND RPOA'S MAY BE MEMBERS OF THE CCI'S; NO. 396 WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT ONLY AN ADMINISTRATION HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT A PLENARY, OR RPOA'S RECOGNIZED BY THAT ADMINISTRATION IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT ATTENDING; AND NOS. 398 AND 399 WHICH SPEAK TO STUDY GROUP, AS OPPOSED TO PLENARY, PARTICIPATION, AND WHICH EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZE SIO PARTICIPATION BUT ONLY IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

5. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO SEEK OPINION OF CCITT DIRECTOR CROZE ON WHETHER RPOA'S MAY REGISTER AT PLENARY ASSEMBLY IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AND CONFIRMATION THAT SIO'S MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AT ALL UNLESS AS ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF AN ADMINISTRATION'S DELEGATION. KISSINGER

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